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Know Your Location

At a recent E911 Committee meeting, the following information was provided by the Public Education Subcommittee. The E911 Committee is involved in an educational campaign to alert us all to Know Your Location.

1. What does "What's Your Location" mean?

Being aware of your surroundings; being able to relay a location such as an exact address, intersections, business names, landmarks, or mile markers.

2. Why should I care?

911 may not know your location. If you don't know where you are it will delay or prevent getting help to you or your loved one.

3. Why don't people know their location?

Many people have a false sense of security believing that modern technology will allow 911 call centers to know their location. Due to this false sense of security along with believing they will never have to call 911 they do not pay attention to their surroundings. Other factors that interfere with people knowing their location: being in an unfamiliar place; being in a stressful situation; distractions and other things going on around them.

4. How do I learn to be aware of my location?

Make it a habit!

- Consciously ask yourself, "Where am I?"
- Play a game with your children asking them to identify street names, landmarks, mileposts, highway signs.
- Know the street/road names for your commonly traveled routes.
- Review your address with your children.
- Make sure your babysitter/caregiver knows your address.

5. What information is needed by a 911 call center?

The information that a 911 responder needs first and foremost is location and the type of emergency. Depending on the situation additional questions will be asked.

6. What information is relevant to a 911 responder?

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2010 NAEFO Convention Set

The National Association of Elected Fire Officials will hold its annual convention on September 20-21 at The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Detailed program information will be distributed this summer.

In the meantime, if you have questions regarding the convention, please contact the association at 503.607.0194, toll-free 877.479.6629, email jen@naefo.org or log onto www.naefo.org.

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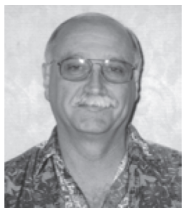
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A Message from the President *by Bob Skaggs*



The last time we talked, we were in a fight to keep the volunteer pension board from being dismantled (HB 2825). This was a bill that would have affected some 17,000 volunteer firefighters around the state. As we promised, your association opposed the Governor's request legislation and we were successful in killing the bill in committee. This was a major accomplishment for us.

But we did not stop working the hill on your behalf. We were also successful in passing impact fees for our fire districts and 911 excise taxes to keep the system updated and residential fire sprinklers. In view of the short session and the economy, your staff did very well; on behalf of the membership, I want to thank them for the great work they did.

However, there is still more work to be done. As you know, we need to work on unfunded mandates, no man's land issues, fire service training and the list goes on. In the weeks and months ahead we will be working on these issues and the other items from the 2010 Legislative Roundtable held in Yakima on May 1st.

I have heard from fire districts around the state about how their citizens have experienced increases in fire insurance premiums (in some cases premiums have doubled) because a person's home or business is just outside of the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) five-mile rule. WSRB

has given these citizens a rating of 9A, which then allows the insurance companies to increase the premiums to the maximum even if the building is only 1/10 of a mile outside of the magic five-mile rule.

Your commitment and dedication of service to your communities sets the example for others to follow.

This is what is wrong in the insurance world today — they no longer take into consideration what the local fire authority says it can provide, it is just another way of making judgment calls without input from the local fire authority.

I would encourage you to write letters in support of changing this unfair application by the WSRB when a fire district can prove it can arrive at the location within the time limits of their overall rating.

As I said earlier, the state has passed the International Residential Code which requires fire sprinklers in one and two family homes. This will become law on July 1, 2010. The elected fire commissioners understand that fire sprinklers save lives. Between 2003 and 2007, 2,800 lives were lost in the United States that may have been saved if these systems had been in place. In our state alone, over the past five years we have lost 286 lives and nearly \$1 billion in property losses.

It is time for city and county elected officials to affirm their conviction to protect their citizens and pass this critical safety legislation at the local level.

In closing, I have had the opportunity to travel around our state and visit some of the 380 fire districts that we represent. It is so encouraging to see how well you all are doing in spite of the low funding and manpower levels; your commitment and dedication of service to your communities sets the example for others to follow.

Remember that we are an open and transparent association and we encourage comments and suggestions as well as your attendance at all of our meetings. Until next time, be safe out there and look out for each other.

ON THE WEB

Please visit the WFCA website at www.wfca.wa.gov to view results from the "dot exercise" held during the WFCA's Legislative Roundtable in Yakima on May 1st. This information will be used by the WFCA Legislative Committee to establish priorities for the 2011 and 2012 legislative sessions.




62nd Annual Conference

The Washington Fire Commissioners Association's 62nd Annual Conference will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco beginning Thursday, October 28, 2010. Conference will conclude on Saturday afternoon, October 30 at approximately 12:00 p.m. The Education Committee will meet later this month to formalize its proposed class schedule, which will be presented to the Board on July 10 for final approval. If you have input regarding conference classes, please contact the Education Committee through the WFCA office as soon as possible. The following is preliminary information concerning conference—look for more to follow later this summer. If you would like a general schedule of conference events, log onto www.wfca.wa.gov; select *WFCA Programs* in the drop-down menu under the *Education & Training* tab, and view the *Annual Conference General Information* section.

WEDNESDAY (PRE-CONFERENCE) PROGRAM


Events on Wednesday, October 27th include the WFCA Legal Committee meeting in the afternoon (exact time to be announced); all members are welcome to attend this meeting. The WFCA Board will meet at 9 a.m. and the Snure Seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please keep this schedule in mind when making guest room reservations.

THURSDAY MORNING




The conference will officially kick off early Thursday morning, October 28th, with a buffet breakfast. Opening ceremonies, which include the memorial service, keynote address, and a variety of administrative reports, will commence following the breakfast (10 a.m.).

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS




Conference registration forms will be mailed to all members in mid-August, following Board approval of the Education Committee's proposed workshop schedule. Registration forms will outline class topics and specific timelines for seminars, business sessions and meals. A separate registration will be mailed for Wednesday's Snure Seminar.

MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS




The Management Excellence Award questionnaires were mailed to districts last month. There were several changes to the questionnaire this year, among them the reporting period and revised categories. Your district could win an award, so please be sure to complete and return the questionnaire. This is a great opportunity to highlight your district's innovative and progressive programs and services. Deadline for entries is July 1.

COMMISSIONER SERVICE RECOGNITION




The WFCA has a special recognition program honoring commissioners who have served their districts for 10, 15, 20 and 25 years. Qualifying commissioners are awarded a special gift commemorating their years of dedication to the fire service. NOTE: This program is designed to recognize commissioner service *only*—time served in other capacities within the district does not apply. Contact the WFCA for application.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS



Elections will be held on Friday, October 29, beginning at 9:30 a.m., for the officers and even-numbered regional director positions. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please submit your name to the WFCA Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 134, Olympia, WA 98507, fax 360.664.0415, or email your nomination to wfca@wfca.wa.gov by August 6. For more information about Board responsibilities

MEMORIAL SERVICE



A memorial service will be held at conference for commissioners, secretaries and chiefs who have passed away during the year. If you know of someone who has passed on, please contact the WFCA office.

GUEST ROOM RESERVATIONS

For reservations, call the Red Lion toll-free at 1.800.325.4000. Alternate accommodations are available at the Best Western Pasco Inn & Suites (call 509.543.7722). When making reservations, be sure to mention you are with the WFCA; reservations deadline is September 28.

Ads

FOR SALE by Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue:

26 sections of 2 1/2" hose & 15 sections of 1 1/2" & 1 3/4" hose from various manufacturers for immediate sale. Price has been set at \$20 per section; all hose has recently passed hose testing & bears a date ranging from '74 to most current. All hose is located at the Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, Central Supply. Appts to examine and/or purchase hose may be made by calling Larry Miller, Supply Coordinator, Mon - Fri @ 360.447.3557.

FOR SALE by Lewis 10: The following surplus engines:

- '75 Seagraves, Detroit Engine, 750 GPM Pump, 750 Gallon Tank, Engine rebuilt in 2005, some leakage at pump, In good working order, Sold AS IS, Minimum Bid \$3,000.00,
- '61 Maximum, Detroit Engine, 750 GPM Pump, 750 GPM Tank, In good working order. Some leakage at pump, Minimum Bid \$2,500.00.

Sealed bids to be accepted until 6/30/10. Bids will be opened and awarded at the July 14th meeting. All bidders will be contacted with results. Please include an email address if possible. All bids are to be sealed and sent to:

Lewis County Fire District No 10
P O Box 270

Packwood, WA 98361

(Marked) Bid for Engine

Contact Number 360.494.4123 or 360.496.1013. Can be seen at 12953 US Hwy 12, Packwood, WA.

FOR SALE by Okanogan 6:

- '76 Chevrolet C60 1,000 GPM fire eng, top mount control, 750 gal tank, gas eng, man trans. 26,400 mi, 24' extens ladder, 14' roof ladder incl. Asking \$4,000 OBO. All offers considered.
- 53 pieces of 1 1/2 x 50ft. double jacket hose, \$50 per section. All passed 2009 pressure test.

Sales "as is, where is"; no warr expressed/ implied. Email Chief Don Waller at dwaller@okanogancountyfd6.com or call 509.997.2981.

FOR SALE by S Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue:

The following surplus VHF radios and offer them for sale to bona fide agencies. All radios are VHF 154 mhz range.

26 - Kenwood TK 270 portable

7 - Icom mobile radios models F121, F230

3 - Kenwood Dual head radio model TK

7150

10 - Motorola models Radius 1225, Max-trac

6 - Kenwood dash mount radio TK760, TK7160, TK790

Contact Chief Mark Havener, mark@spofr.org or 509.447.5305, for more information.

FOR SALE by Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One (Pierce 5):

1. '92 Pierce Dash Pumper w/50' Telesqurt. 1500 gpm Waterous pump, 500 gal water tank, Foam Pro system w/30 gallons tanks of Class A & B. Pump tested & passed Aug. '09. Two years left on U.L. certifi on the aerial device. Safety vision B/U camera, Honda EM5000S generator, Detroit 6V92 engine w/in-frame rebuild 6/07. Mi - 129,538, Hrs - 12,022. \$40,000 OBO.
2. '88 Western States Spartan Intra-Cab Pumper. 1500 gpm American Godiva pump, 1000 gal water tank. Pump tested & passed 8/09. Honda 3500SX generator. Detroit 6V92 engine. Mi - 46,857, Hrs - 5045. \$5,000 OBO.
3. '76 Ford F750 Brush Truck. Originally a water tender, since converted to a brush eng w/DNR deck, 620 gal water tank, DNR compartmentation, Mallory 95 gpm pump/CAFS system. Booster reel w/Wildland hose, Mi 16,507, Hrs 1,481. Would make excellent flat-land brush engine. \$5,000 OBO.

All vehicles sold "As Is, Where Is" w/no warranty expressed/ implied. Vehicles may be inspected by calling Mike Smith, Lead Mechanic @ 253.851.0086.

FOR SALE by Pierce 6 (Central Pierce Fire & Rescue): The following vehicles & equipment:

- 1-1999 MedTec/Freightliner, FL 50 Type I Ambulance, approx. 286,000 mi, Cummins 5.9L 230 hp Dies, Allison 3060 trans w/retarder, Motorola VHF Radio, David Clark 3-position intercom system, Knox Med V warmer, hydraulic brakes, Whelan Light package (strobes & LED), Dual Air horns, Air Suspension, Alum Wheels, Cot, Red in color \$30,000 O.B.O.
- 1-2000 MedTec / Freightliner, FL 50 Type I Ambulance, approx. 263,000 miles, Cummins 5.9L 230 hp Diesel, Allison 3060 trans w/retarder, Motorola VHF Radio, David Clark 3-position intercom system, Knox Med Vault, IV

warmer, hydraulic brakes, Whelan light package (strobe & LED), Dual air horns, Air Suspension, Alum Wheels, Cot, Red in color \$35,000 O.B.O.

- 1-'73 Kaiser 2 1/2 Ton Military truck. \$3,500 O.B.O.
- 1- Military twin 5-KW Gen Set Trailer \$1,500 O.B.O.
- 7 - Paramount Leg Lifting Machines less weights. \$250 each.
- 13- Zoll M series AED Biphasic Defibrillators \$500.00 each O.B.O.

All items sold "As Is, Where Is" w/no warranty expressed/ implied. All sales are limited to bonafide agencies within the US. Vehicles may be inspected at 17210 110th Ave East, Puyallup, WA 98374. For more info contact Asst Chief William Thomas at 253.538.6400, Fax 253.537.7294 or email wthomas@centralpiercefire.org.

FOR SALE by Orting Valley Fire & Rescue (Pierce 18):

- '82 Ford L9000 pumper. Grumman body/Waterous Pump, 1500 GPM, 47,000 mi, Detroit Dies 330 HP, 6 spd man trans, 1000 gal tank, Ladders & misc equip incl \$10,000 OBO.
- '86 Spartan 1500 GPM Pumper, exc cond, 45,000 mi, 500 gal tank, encl ladders, top-mount pump panel. \$20,000 OBO.

Sale "as is where is", no warranties expressed/ implied. Contact Paul Webb @ 360.893.2221 or pwebb@ovfr.org.

FOR SALE by Snohomish 10: '96 Ford F-350, Type III Coach Ambulance. 7.3 liter turbo-diesel, Braun N.W. box, 67,760 mi, front A/C and rear climate control, front disc brakes, rear drum w/ anti-lock brakes, 2 person cab, bench & exam seat in pt. compartment, Whelan light bar, Code 3 siren, vehicle battery charger, Heart Interface inverter, Opticom, Motorola spectra VHF radio, installed charger for Motorola MTS 2000 portable radio, no gurney. Asking \$15,000 or best acceptable offer. For info contact P O Box 881, Bothell, WA 98041, call 425.486.1678, fax 425.486.4556 or email gabby.diego@ci.bothell.wa.us.

FOR SALE by Stevens 1: 43 MSA Ultra Elite 2216psi SCBA. Please refer to fire district website www.scfpd1.com "surplus equipment" for bidding information. Contact Jason Gallagher, Operations Captain, Stevens County Fire District 1, 509.262.9660.

Location From Page One

The information that a 911 responder needs first and foremost is location and the type of emergency. Depending on the situation additional information is relayed from the 911 center.

7. How often do people call in and not know their locations?

A survey of wireless 911 calls was conducted March 1-7, 2010 to establish a baseline of how many wireless callers did not know their location when they called for help. Of the 25,608 wireless calls documented 4,185, or 16%, of the callers did not know their location. In 2009, Washington State Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) received a total of 5,745,305 calls to 911. Of that total, 3,056,755 calls (53%) were wireless. Using the baseline figure of 16% of wireless callers not knowing their location 497,640 callers did not know their location in 2009.

If the locations of 5% of the callers who did not know their location were not known within 300 yards, the location of 24,882 callers in Washington State was not known in 2009. If only 1% of those callers were in life threatening situations, 248 of them were in jeopardy of dying.

8. Is there a way for 911 to figure out where people are if the callers say they don't know where they are?

Sometimes. However, location information is not always available or accurate, as this depends on the type of phone service and technology.

- Wireline—through the enhanced 911 system location information is normally displayed at the 911 call center.
- Wireless—the enhanced 911 system and current wireless technology can assist in narrowing a location by displaying a cellular tower location, or the approximate latitude and longitude of the caller. However, this is dependent on the type of phone, carrier and phone service.
- Wireless telephones determine their location by one of two methods.
 - The first is the handset based method. This means the phone has a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver in it that can receive GPS satellite signals to identify its location.
 - The second is by the triangulation method. It uses radio signal speed to calculate the distance the telephone is located from a radio tower. By using distances the caller is from several radio towers, the location can be triangulated.
- On September 12, 2007, the FCC ruled that wireless carriers would have to provide a caller's

location within 150 yards (if handset based) or 300 yards (if triangulation based) 95% of the time. Wireless carriers are not meeting this level of accuracy today and are saying they cannot implement this level of accuracy by 2012.

- In January 2010 a wireless call came into the Garfield County 911 Center. The triangulated location information that came in with that call was off by 20 miles. The man who needed assistance was found in Columbia County the next day. He had died from hypothermia.
 - VoIP (voice over internet protocol)—through the enhanced 911 system a location will be displayed at the 911 call center; however, the location is the address the customer provided to their carrier. If the customer does not keep this information up to date responders could be sent to the wrong location.
- ### 9. How does 911 handle it when people do not know their location?
- 911 will do everything in its power using available resources which may include:
- Ask a series of questions to determine the caller's location or at least narrow it down as much as possible.
 - Ask the caller to go read the number on the door or the mailbox, find mail in the house.
 - Have the caller look for a business, playground, park, library or other landmark, anything that might help responders figure out where they are.
 - Using our combined knowledge of the area and its geography, landmarks, businesses and roadways.
 - When location information is available from the enhanced 911 system these addresses can be used; however, the 911 call center will always attempt to verify or get additional information.

Commissioner Steve Lich, Camano Island Fire & Rescue, represents the WFCA on the E-911 Advisory Committee.

THE WFCA BOARD WILL MEET ON SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2010 AT THE STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICE IN OLYMPIA BEGINNING AT 1:00 P.M. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS. FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS AS WELL AS OTHER EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT THE WFCA WEBSITE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS.



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